

REMARKS

Claim 3 is pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-2 and 4-5 are canceled and the specification and claim 3 are amended. No new matter is added. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims to a method of using the compound of formula I contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Huang in the October 15, 2003 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claim 3 is amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

I. Amendments to the Specification and to Claim 3

Applicants amend paragraph 0013 to correct a typographical error defining the "i-Pr- " substituent of R. Applicants amend claim 3 to feature the elected subject matter.

II. Claim rejection under §112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants cancel claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. Amended claim 3 satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Claim rejection under §102

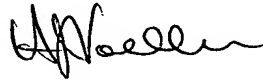
The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 63132795. Applicants cancel claims 1-2, thus rendering moot the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 3 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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